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- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 06/14/2006
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- Priority Documents filed on 06/14/2006
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- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

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In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) (mailed March 9, 2007), Applicants submit herewith a fully executed Declaration and Power of Attorney to complete the filing requirements for the U.S. national phase of the above-identified PCT application.

The application filed in the Patent Office is the application which the inventors executed by signing the Declaration and Power of Attorney. A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements is also enclosed.


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